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--ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A tyre for vehicles includes a carcass structure, a belt structure, and a tread. The tread includes a row of central blocks and a row of intermediate blocks arranged on each side of an equatorial plane of the tyre between a central longitudinal groove formed astride the equatorial plane and a pair of longitudinal lateral grooves. The blocks of the central rows are separated from the blocks of the intermediate rows by circumferential sipes and are circumferentially staggered by a first predetermined quantity relative to the blocks of the intermediate rows. Also, the blocks of the central rows arranged on a first side of the equatorial plane of the tyre are circumferentially staggered by a second predetermined quantity relative to the blocks of the central rows on a second side of the equatorial plane of the tyre.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1-22, as follows:

1. (once amended) A tyre for vehicles, comprising:
- a carcass structure including a central peripheral portion and two sidewalls terminating in a pair of beads for fixing a wheel to a rim;
- a belt structure coaxially associated with the carcass structure; and

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